

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: dog-b-004-4.jpg

Other Known Title: Not Stated

Format: Computer Image File Printout

Director/Author: Not Applicable

Producer/Publisher: Not Stated

Country of Origin: Not Stated

Language: English

Applicant: The District Court At Timaru

Distributor: Not Applicable

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive Note: Not Applicable

Display Conditions: Not Applicable

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Date of direction to issue a label: Not Applicable

OFLC No: 700336

Excisions: Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

**Summary of reasons
for classification:**

The computer image file printout *dog-b-004-4.jpg* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The publication promotes and supports bestiality. It explicitly depicts an act of bestiality between a woman and what appears to be a dog. The image makes a spectacle of this act and has the potential to sexually arouse viewers. It has the effect of affirming bestiality as a legitimate sexual activity.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, as set out in section 14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. This outcome is consistent, however, with Parliament's intention that publications falling under section 3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support bestiality.